

III. REMARKS

In this response, no claims have been amended. Original claims 1-20 are pending after entry of this response.

A. Rejection of Claims 1-20 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) As Being Unpatentable Over Thompson In View of Brooke

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,668,253 to Thompson et al. (“Thompson”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,748,569 to Brooke et al. (“Brooke”).

Thompson discloses “a transformation and staging server connected to [a] data warehouse server...; a financial consolidation application connected to the transformation and staging server for performing consolidation and reporting of financial data; a web server connected to the data warehouse server; and a plurality of clients connectable to the web server for accessing data from the data warehouse server via the web server.” Thompson Abstract. In Thompson, users may view reports and interact with data processed at a central processing system.

Claims 1 and 14 recite “navigation tools” and “internationalization tools” that are “located on [a] web server.” Claims 2-13 and 15-20 depend from claims 1 and 14 and thereby incorporate this feature by reference. Thompson fails to teach or suggest this feature. The Office Action concedes that Thompson fails to teach “internationalization tools,” but it asserts that the “navigation tools” are taught by Figure 2 of Thompson. Figure 2 shows an exemplary structure of the Thompson user interface, showing what appears to be an Internet Explorer browser screen comprising “user tasks and report list” text, a “search” icon, a “guide me” icon, and enterprise information management buttons. Nothing about Figure 2’s content or description

teaches tools that are “located on [a] web server.” Rather, Figure 2 and its corresponding description in the specification are silent in regard to the “location” of any tools.

Elsewhere in the specification, Thompson discloses the following in regard to “software location”:

The EIM application runs on personal computers (PCs) with Windows95.TM., Windows98.TM., or Windows NT.TM. operating systems. The application functionality is delivered through the PC’s web browser. The only web browser that EIM supports in one preferred embodiment is Microsoft’s Internet Explorer version 4.01 or greater. Generally, EIM’s present embodiments operate on browsers with support for ActiveX controls and Visual Basic Scripting.

The report and graph viewing capabilities is delivered with the aid of the “DSS Graph” and “DSS Grid” ActiveX controls that are delivered with MicroStrategy’s product set. In addition, the report creation and auto-prompting wizards are written as Java.TM. applets, provided by MicroStrategy. The remaining application functionality delivered by EIM is preferably through Dynamic HTML pages.

Thompson, col. 30, lines 44-58.

Neither the cited passage nor Figure 2 explicitly disclose “navigation tools” that are “located on [a] web server” as recited by the claims. Nor is this recitation inherently disclosed, because it is not typical for navigation tools to be stored on a web server in this context.

Brooke is directed to an “XML Server Pages Language” and does not remedy the deficiencies of Thompson. Thus, the combination of Thompson and Brooke does not teach or suggest claims 1-20.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request that the instant rejection of claims 1-20 be withdrawn.

IV. CONCLUSION

For all the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome or rendered moot. Further, all pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record. Applicants accordingly submit that these claims are in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested.

This response is submitted less than four months from the mailing date of the Office action. A Petition for One Month Extension of Period for Reply, along with the appropriate fee for the extension, accompanies this response. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, Applicant hereby provides authorization to charge such fees against deposit account 50-0206. If any refunds are due, Applicant hereby provides authorization to credit such refunds against the deposit account.

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